



**ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA**

1997 Directory  
of

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church*  
**1852-1997**

142 Market Street  
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

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Church Telephone (717) 323-4619





*I am the church,  
you are the church  
we are the church together...*

This song from Vacation Church School expresses part of the theological point which we need to remember: that the whole-hearted participation of every member whom Jesus calls to be part of St. Mark's is important to all of us as well as to the Lord Jesus. May this book be a tool which helps us to live and work together. Herein you will find emphasized the people who gather around Word and Sacraments and who continue in service all through the week. May their number increase!



The Rev. Kenneth R. Elkin, M.Div., M.S.M.  
Pastor



Richard Lakey, M.Ed.  
Director of Church Music



Sandra Grier, B.S.  
Director of Christian Education



Janice Rupert  
Parish Secretary



James Seelye  
Sexton



Kimberly Reeder  
Financial Secretary

## People and events from St. Mark's busy past...



**1852** - Twenty seven persons form the "English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Williamsport" on March 7, adopting a creed of essentials and form of government of discipline. The Rev. Henry Ziegler was the first pastor. **1853** - Pastor Ziegler becomes a professor at the Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University. **1854** - Thirty people gather to lay the cornerstone for the first building on October 7. **1857** - The total cash income for the year from the seventy members was \$24.88. **1863** - A joint parish with Emmanuel German Lutheran congregation was established for one year, but was dissolved when the English reached 120 persons and the Germans numbered 130. **1869** - A number of those members living in South Williamsport form Messiah Church. **1870** - The church continues to grow by dividing when fifty members move up the street to establish St. Paul Church. **1887** - Folks narrowly avoid a disaster by halting a fire in the church. **1889** - Some St. Mark's members take the lead in establishing Redeemer Church. **1895** - The members

and Pastor Rick gather to lay the cornerstone for a new church building. **1905** - The Dorcas Society is organized with 12 members and eventually grows to 106. **1912** - Dr. Spaeth, an eloquent preacher, comes from Susquehanna University to become Pastor. Under his leadership, the first parish house is purchased and furnished. **1920** - The Rev. Paul Yount, son of the Rev. A.L. Yount who had served as Pastor in the 1890s, is called to serve St. Mark's. **1927** - The membership stands at 930 persons, rising from 480 in 1920. Several organizations serve the congregation: Cotta, Dorcas, Missionary, and Brotherhood. **1930** - Sister Mildred, the first of four Deaconesses to serve the parish begins her work. **1936** - Another flood distresses church and community, as in 1865, 1889, and other years. **1937** - Fred Snell begins his 39 years of musical leadership. **1939** - The expansion program which had been delayed by the Depression is restarted and the Parish House is built. **1954** - Dr. Ray Houser closes his 25 years of ministry at St. Mark's to become the president of the Lutheran Seminary at Waterloo, Ontario. **1955** - Pastor Hasskarl begins his 26 years of ministry here. **1958** - The people of St. Mark's gather again to break ground for the third new church building which is dedicated in 1960. **1974** - St. Mark's begins to share facilities with a day care program. Two Vietnamese refugee families were sponsored. **1977** - Richard Lakey begins his 20+ years of musical leadership. Handbells arrive and two choirs are formed. **1978** - Use of the *Lutheran Book of Worship* begins. **1979** - First Lunch 'n Fellowship program is held. **1985** - Pastor Brandau begins. **1989** - Glenn Beard is the first of several Seminarian Interns to serve St. Mark's. **1990** - The first of the annual organ concerts for the benefit of the Dialysis Unit is held. **1993** - Sandra Grier begins her work as Christian Education Director. **1996** - Pastor Elkin begins his ministry here.





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- A. First Communion: Brittany Dewar, Samantha Kneeder, Jeff Payne, Seth Greninger.
- B. Henry Fornwalt & Chuck Kuntz cooking at banquet, May, 1997.
- C. New members with Pastor Elkin, Pentecost Sunday, 1997; Bob, Bernadette, Declan & Sara Jones.
- D. Father & Son Baptism! John & Tyler Bower with Brenda Bower and Pastor Elkin.

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A. Brass Ensemble B. Adult Handbell Choir C. Youth Handbell Choir D. Chancel Choir members, Art Decker, Carl Weaver, Deb Buckman

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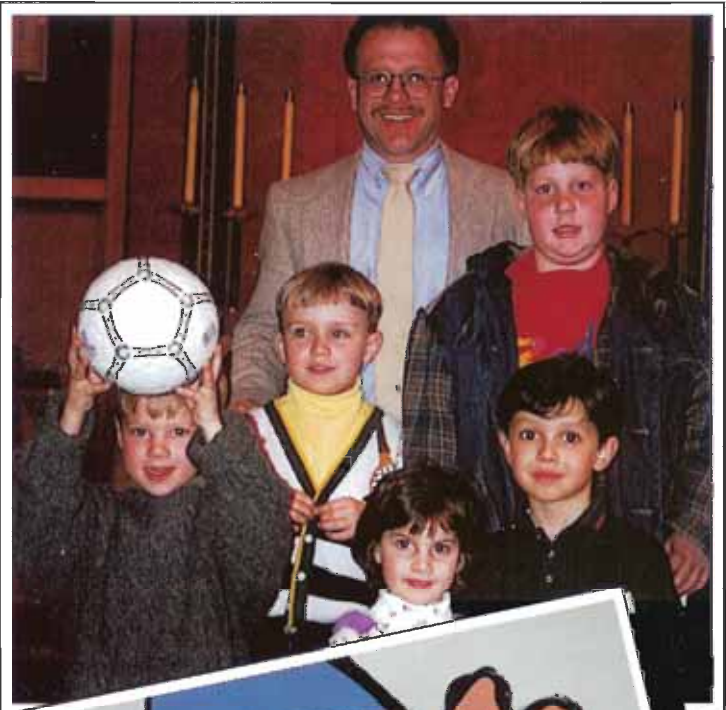
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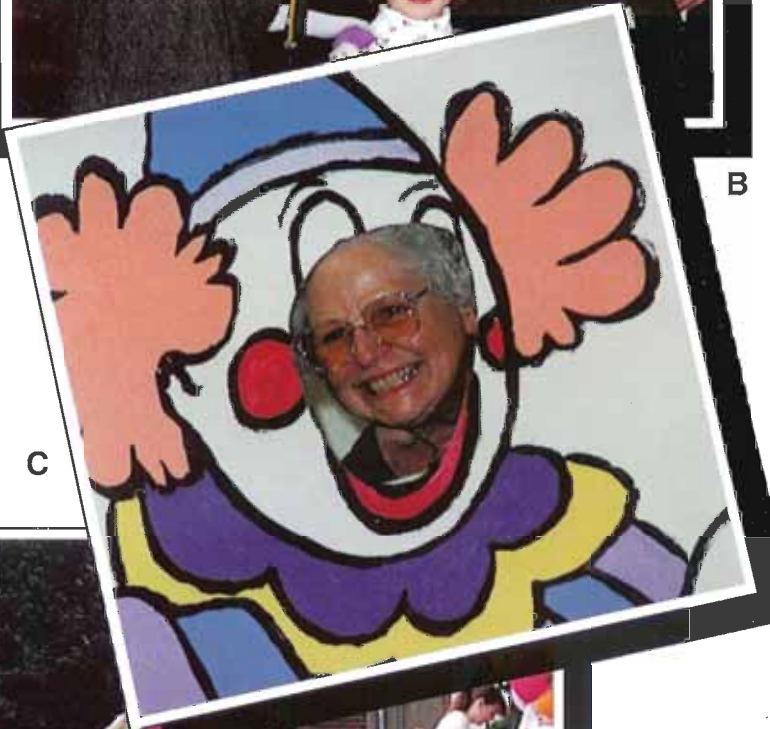


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- A. Pastor Elkin & Pastor Brandau, Strawberry Festival, June 1997.
- B. Basketball Team, Alex Larson, Jeremiah Bittner, Molly & Ben Lakis, Kyle Doeblor, Coach Scott Bittner.
- C. VBS staff member, Harriet Fornwalt.
- D. Block Party, June, 1997.



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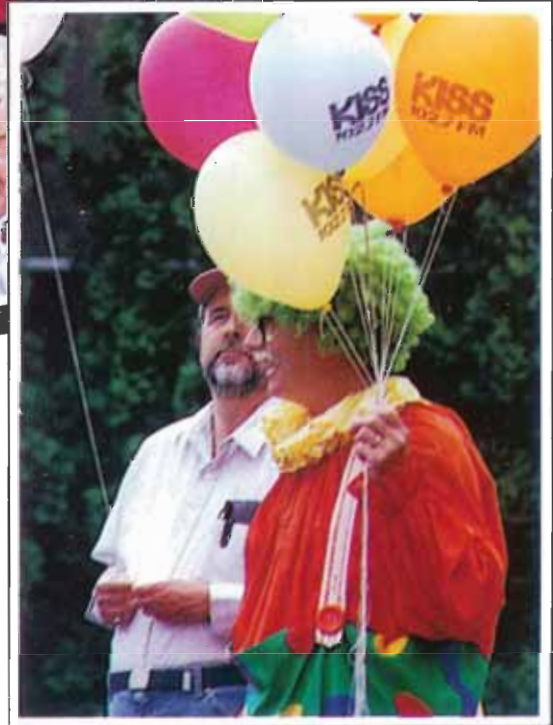


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A. Diana Ziegler leading games at Vacation Bible School, June, 1997.

B. Lutheran Church Women and spouses picnic at Montour Reserve.

C. Dick Lakey and Carl Weaver at Block Party, June, 1997.





Patricia Alexander  
323-3383



Edith Anderson  
322-0207



Bill & Jane Angle  
326-2377



Donald & Mary Armstrong  
323-7785



Margaret Bailey  
322-0783



Frank Bair  
323-9691



Larry & LuElla Bair  
322-7098



Ida Baker  
326-6663



Romain & Evelyn Bastian  
323-5784



Odessa Batschelet  
322-3570



Calvin Bennett  
368-8019



Steve & Nancy Bieber,  
Stacie & Stephen, III  
326-7605



Lewis & Dorothy Bingaman  
322-1012



Scott & Brenda Bittner  
& Jeremiah  
326-0803



Raymond & Nancy Bohartz  
322-1071



Daniel & Karen Boone  
& Stephen  
995-5903



John & Brenda Bower,  
Jonathan & Tyler  
323-3663



Walter & Shirley Brandau  
323-1223



James & Debra Buckman,  
Nicholas & Sean  
323-1707



Kymberly Burd  
323-2046



Eleanor Burkhart  
323-9774



John & Ruth Burkholder  
322-2359



Doris Buzzerd  
326-9887



Buzz & Marie Byerly  
326-2794





Jeffrey Byerly  
321-8653



Cecil & Kathryn Calvert  
323-9666



Iva Campbell  
368-8078



Kathy Campbell,  
Ashley, Brett & Lauren  
322-2489



Ethel Chambers  
326-9391



Elizabeth Chrisman  
323-5443



Gary & Donna Clark  
& April  
998-2290



Helen Clokey  
322-4269



William & Carol Confer,  
Kristine & William, Jr.  
745-3143



Kay Crane  
321-1921



Bonita Crossley  
494-0210



Anne Davis  
322-5409



Arthur & June Decker  
322-6955



Steve & Candy Dewar,  
Brittany & Stephen  
326-0353



Charles & Betty Diehl  
322-0371



Larue Dieter  
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Charles & Bunny Ditchfield  
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Ernestine Doane  
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Beatrice Doebler  
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Wilson & Blanche Doebler  
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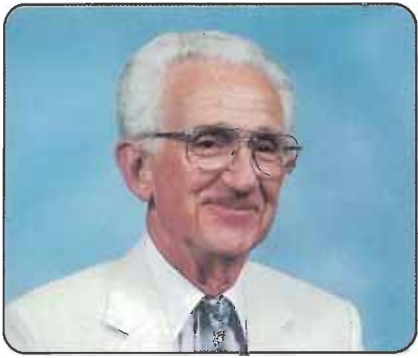


Grace Egli  
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Kenneth & Donna Elkin,  
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Walter Ertel  
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Bonnie Eyer  
Amanda & Jenna Kennedy  
368-3636



Jerry & Jeanne Fargus  
& George Smith  
322-9896



Steve & Cathy Fenderson,  
Heather & Sean & Shirley Campbell  
435-2590



Robert & Beth Fillnow,  
Nathan, Michael & Kimberly  
322-0523



Henry & Harriet Fornwalt  
322-2973



Paul Fornwalt  
326-2212



Doris Fortin  
322-0140



Sarah Fryling  
& Elizabeth Ward  
322-8904



David Garverick,  
Joshua & Jessica  
546-5661



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321-0721



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322-8335



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Chad & Megan  
326-4348



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& Seth  
494-9926



Richard & Rose Marie Hafer,  
Richard & Nathan  
584-4364



Anna Harris  
322-8618



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Mary Alice & Matthew  
326-3855



Cindy Hartzel  
& April  
322-3327



Carol Harvey,  
Trisha & Tina  
494-0407



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368-8877



Harold & Joyce Hershberger  
322-0410



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326-5015



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& Kim  
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Merritt & Helen Hunt  
326-9895



Sue Hutchins  
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327-8126



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322-0390



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Lou & Kathy Kolb  
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Charles & Ann Kuntz



Richard Lakey  
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Aric, Amie & Alex  
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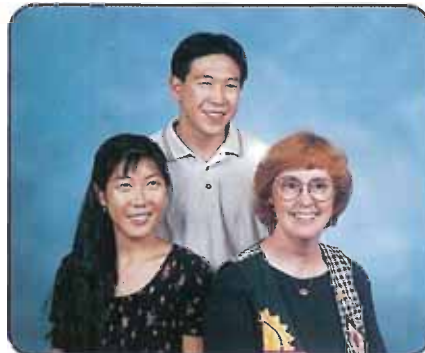
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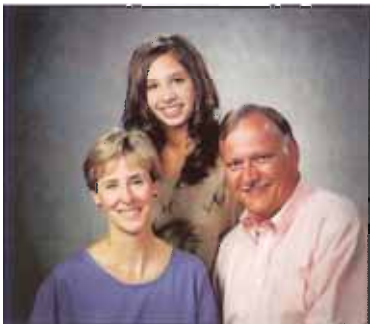
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